

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6637

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Labor, Commerce, Research & Development, January 28, 2008

Title: An act relating to medical, hospital, mechanical, manufacturing, or scientific entities or persons obtaining nonbeverage alcohol directly from suppliers.

Brief Description: Allowing certain alcohol permit holders to obtain alcohol in nonbeverage form directly from suppliers.

Sponsors: Senators Murray, Hewitt and Kohl-Welles; by request of University of Washington.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development: 1/24/08, 1/28/08 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Holmquist, Ranking Minority Member; Franklin, Hewitt, King, Murray and Prentice.

Staff: Kathleen Buchli (786-7488)

Background: The Liquor Control Board may issue a special liquor purchase permit to a physician or dentist, a hospital, or a home devoted to the care of aged people. A special permit to purchase alcohol may be issued to a person engaged in a mechanical or manufacturing business, or in scientific pursuits requiring the use of alcohol.

Summary of Bill: Medical, hospital, mechanical, manufacturing, or scientific entities holding a special liquor purchase permit or a special permit to purchase alcohol may obtain alcohol in a nonbeverage form directly from a supplier.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The University of Washington's research and medical care program will save money every year under this bill. The University purchases alcohol for medical and scientific use and currently purchases its industrial alcohol through the Liquor Control Board (LCB). This bill would allow the University to purchase directly from

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suppliers, using electronic purchasing methods. This reduces paperwork which is a benefit to both the University and the LCB.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Murray, prime sponsor; Carla Helm, University of Washington.